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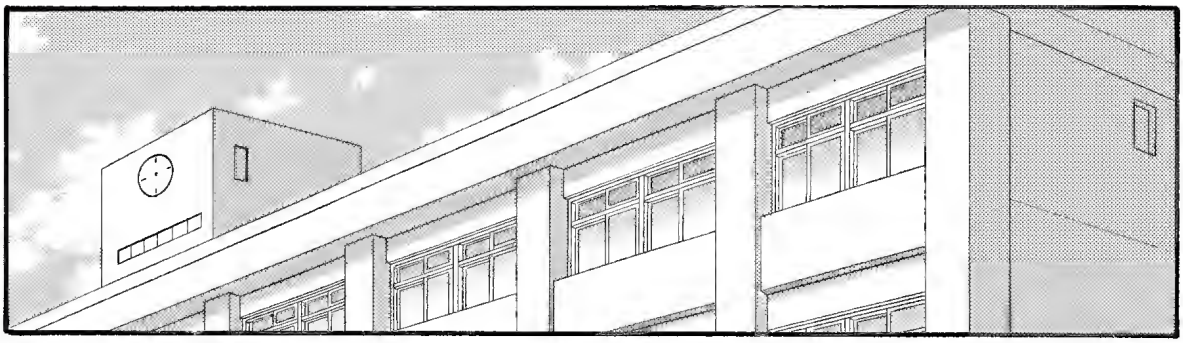
KODANSHA COMICS

# CHAPTER 50

JUNKO

#50 A PRINCE NEXT TO THE PRINCE?



CLATTER
CLATTER
CHATTER
Ha ha ha...
CHATTER
CLINK
CLINK
CHATTER
THOSE TWO REALLY AREN'T GONNA COME, HUH?
Hey, over here!
CLATTER
CHATTER

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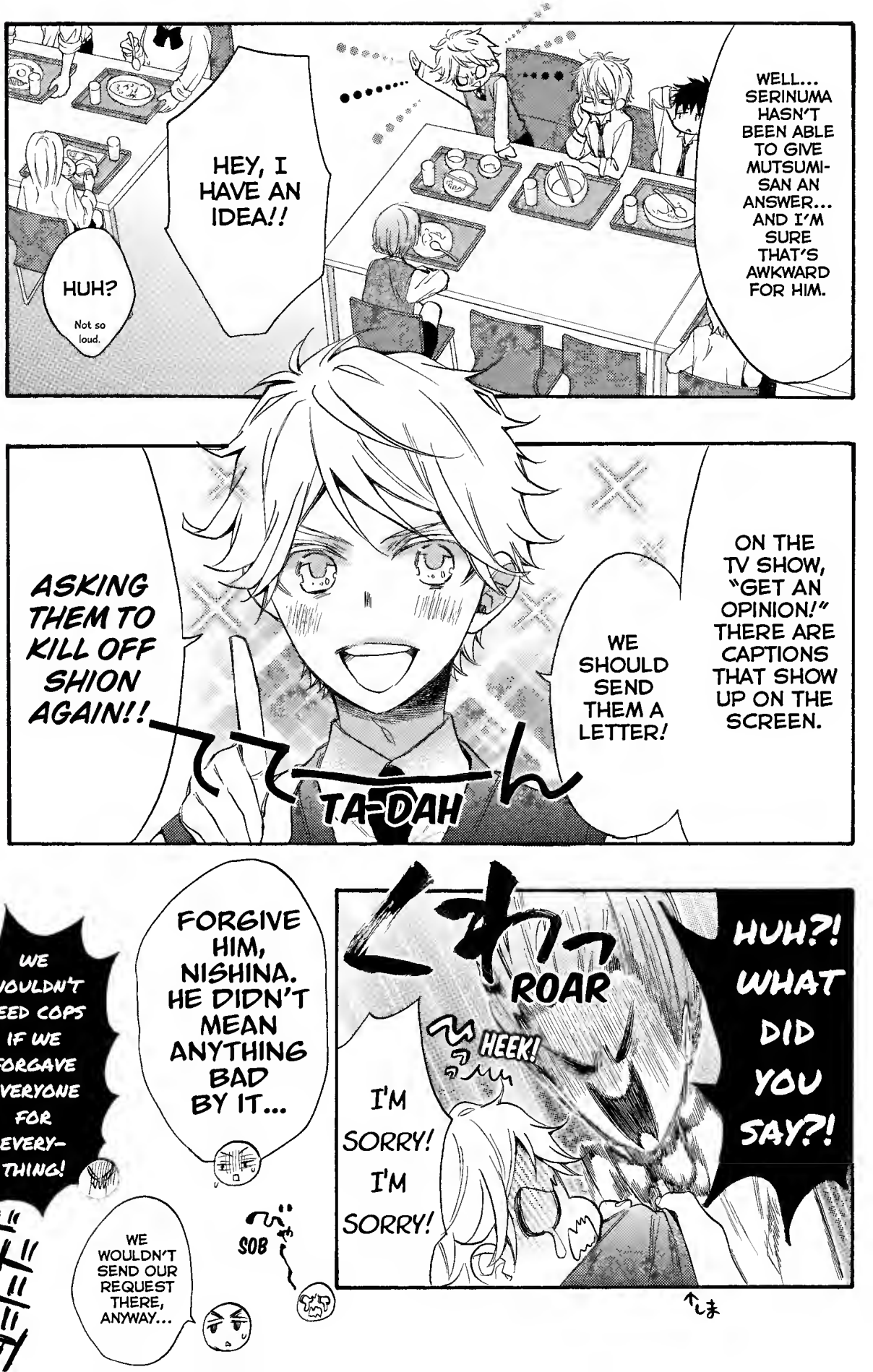

WELL... SERINUMA HASN'T BEEN ABLE TO GIVE MUTSUMI-SAN AN ANSWER... AND I'M SURE THAT'S AWKWARD FOR HIM.
HEY, I HAVE AN IDEA!!
HUH?
Not so loud.
ON THE TV SHOW, "GET AN OPINION!" THERE ARE CAPTIONS THAT SHOW UP ON THE SCREEN.
WE SHOULD SEND THEM A LETTER!
TA-DAH
ASKING THEM TO KILL OFF SHION AGAIN!!
HUH?! WHAT DID YOU SAY?!
ROAR
HEEK!
I'M SORRY! I'M SORRY!
FORGIVE HIM, NISHINA. HE DIDN'T MEAN ANYTHING BAD BY IT...
WE WOULDN'T NEED COPS IF WE FORGAVE EVERYONE FOR EVERY-THING!
THUD THUD THUD THUD
WE WOULDN'T SEND OUR REQUEST THERE, ANYWAY...
SOB

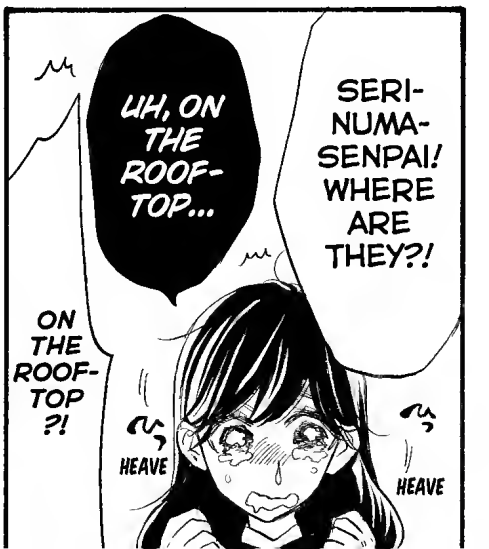
THUD
THUD
THUD
THUD
?!
HE'S BEEN TAKEN FROM MEEE !!!
FLAIL
FLAIL
WH... WHAT'S THE MATTER ?!
DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?!
M... MU... MUN... PA...
CALM DOWN.
MU...
Mupan?
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
HUH ?!!
WH... WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? THAT'S ABSURD!
W... WELL, TH... THEY...
WAAAAHHH!!
YASHIRO-SENPAI STOLE MUTSUMI-SENPAI FROM MEEE!!

?!
THEY WERE KISSING !!

THIS IS BAD ...!

OUR MUTSUMI-SENPAI?!
THAT'S IMPOS-SIBLE!
Are you sure it wasn't just your imagination as always?!
HUHHH?!

HUH ?
HUHHH ?!
DASH
HEY!
WE GOTTA GO THERE NOW!!
THIS IS REALLY BAD!!


UH, ON THE ROOF-TOP...
SERI-NUMA-SENPAI! WHERE ARE THEY?!
ON THE ROOF-TOP ?!
HEAVE
HEAVE

Leave it to your imagination 4%
Doing it 87%
Not doing it 9%
(Shima's Research)
I'VE READ A TON OF BL, SO I'D KNOW!!
THERE'S AN 87% CHANCE THAT THEY'RE DOING THE DIRTY RIGHT NOW!!
BOOM
HEY, NISHINA!! WHAT'S SO BAD?!
IF THEY'RE KISSING ON THE ROOFTOP, THEN...
THUD
THAT'S DIRTY!
SHUT UP, YOU PUNKS!! I KNOW WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT!!
Y... YOU'RE AN IDIOT!!
NO WAY!!!
AND WE HAVE ANOTHER IDIOT!!
RIGHT?!
I TOTALLY GET IT!!
GASP
I...I'VE ALSO READ A TON OF THOSE MANGA!

OH...
AH...
ドキッ
BADUMP
SENPAI ...!
SERI-NUMA-SAN...

SEN-PAI...
TCH
SMACK
SO THEY WEREN'T DOING IT...
WHAT WERE YOU TWO DOING EARLIER?
WERE MY EYES PLAY-ING TRICKS ON ME?
NOTHING WAS GOING ON, RIGHT?
...!
BUT...
CLENCH
I WANT TO ASK HIM.
BUT ...

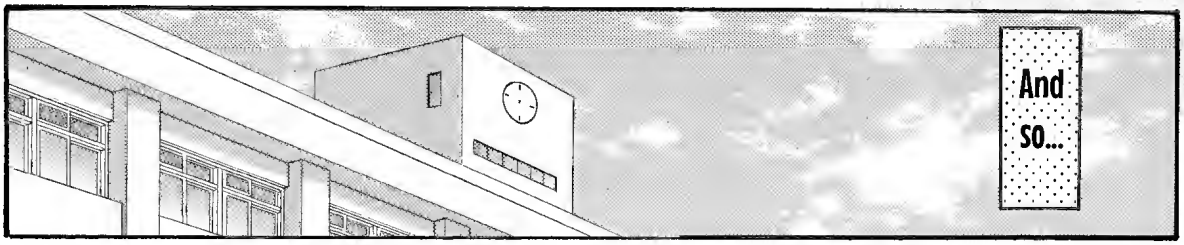
UHH ...
THIS WAS LEFT BY THE DOOR TO THE ROOFTOP EARLIER...
IS IT YOURS, BY ANY CHANCE ?
HUH ...?
Uh
THAT'S ...
...
AH...
...
I SEE.
RUSTLE
THEN ALLOW ME TO RETURN IT.
JOLT
UH...
FWIP

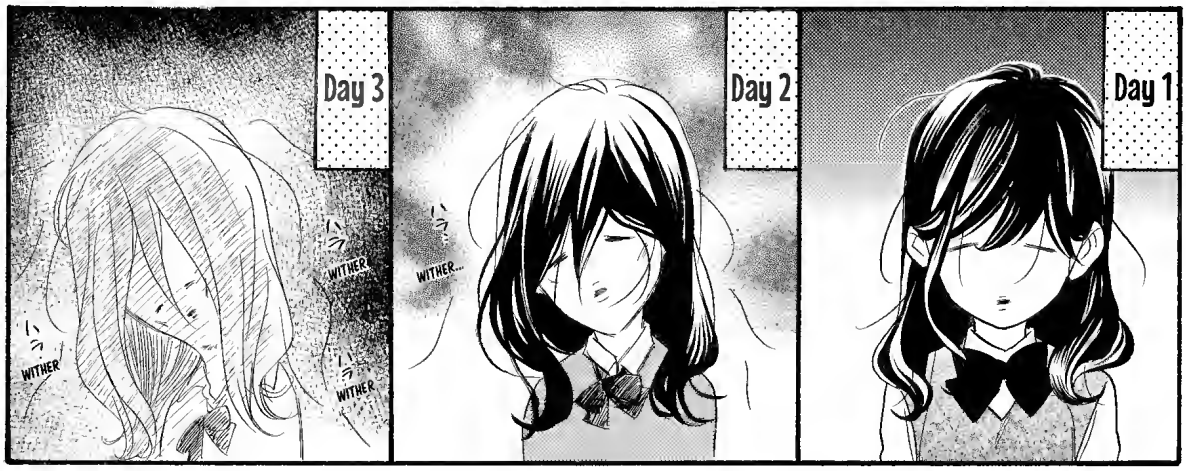
WHISPER
I SUR-PRISED YOU, DIDN'T I?
!!
OH! SHALL WE GET MOVING, MUTSUMI?
UH. YEAH.
WA!
!
DO YOU HAVE AN ANS-WER?

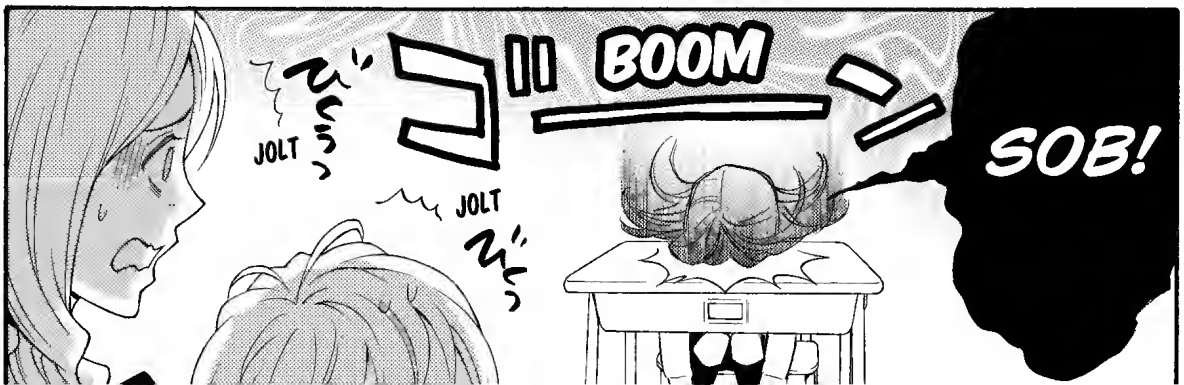
HUH ...?
...
OH...
UH...
WELL ...
!!
WHOOSH
LET'S GO.
FWIP
THERE'S NOTHING TO TALK ABOUT.

HEY, HEY!
WHY IS MUTSUMI-SENPAI HANGING OUT WITH THAT GUY, ANYWAY?!
WHAT THE HECK WAS THAT?!
WHA...?
WH...
WHAT DO I SAY TO MUTSUMI-SENPAI?
I MEAN, I DON'T HAVE AN ANSWER FOR HIM...
UH!
SERI-NUMA-SENPAI!!
DASH

I HAVE NO RIGHT ...



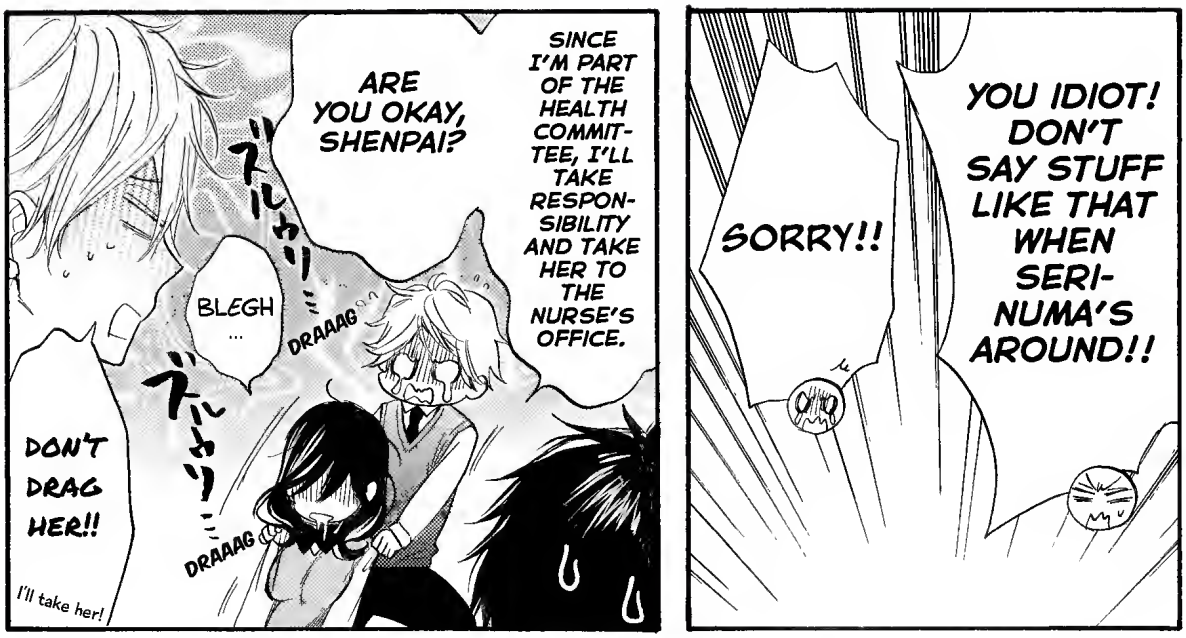
I'M JUST WASTING TIME.
WHILE I'M...
...SITTING AROUND LIKE THIS, SENPAI'S WITH YASHIRO-SENPAI...
TH...
THEY ...
AREN'T, BY ANY CHANCE ...

...ALREADY TOGETHER...?
STEAMY
STEAMY
NOOOOOO!!!

YIKES ...
S... SERI-NUMA ...
Hee!
BANG
BANG
BANG

SHEN-PAIII!
IT'S BAD!
BOOM
I-I-I SAW THEM!!
SHINO, WHAT'S THE MATTER?
FLAIL
FLAIL
What's with the dance?
HUH? WHAT?
I WENT TO THE HISTORY CLUB ROOM JUST NOW, AND...
ANGRY
ANGRY
STOMP
STOMP
STOMP
THOSE TWO ARE APPARENTLY HANGING OUT IN THE CLUBROOM AGAIN!
I heard from the third-years!
I'M GONNA GIVE THEM A PIECE OF MY MIND!!
CLATTER
HM?
THUD
THUD
THUD
WHAT'S THAT SOUND ...?
PEEK...

OHHHHH!!
THEY'RE ON TOP OF EACH OTHER!!!
THAT'S WHAT I SAW!
HUH ...?
NOOOOOO!!
THUD
ACK!! S... SERI-NUMA !!
TWITCH
TWITCH
TWITCH


YOU IDIOT! DON'T SAY STUFF LIKE THAT WHEN SERI-NUMA'S AROUND!!
SORRY!!
SINCE I'M PART OF THE HEALTH COMMIT-TEE, I'LL TAKE RESPON-SIBILITY AND TAKE HER TO THE NURSE'S OFFICE.
ARE YOU OKAY, SHENPAI?
ブルルリ
DRAAAG
BLEGH ...
ブルルリ
DRAAAG
DON'T DRAG HER!!
I'll take her!

Nurse's Office
保健室

GROAN
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うーん
GROAN
HONESTLY, WE REALLY CAN'T LEAVE HER ALONE.
ISN'T THERE ANY-THING WE CAN DO?!
MM.
THERE REALLY ISN'T.

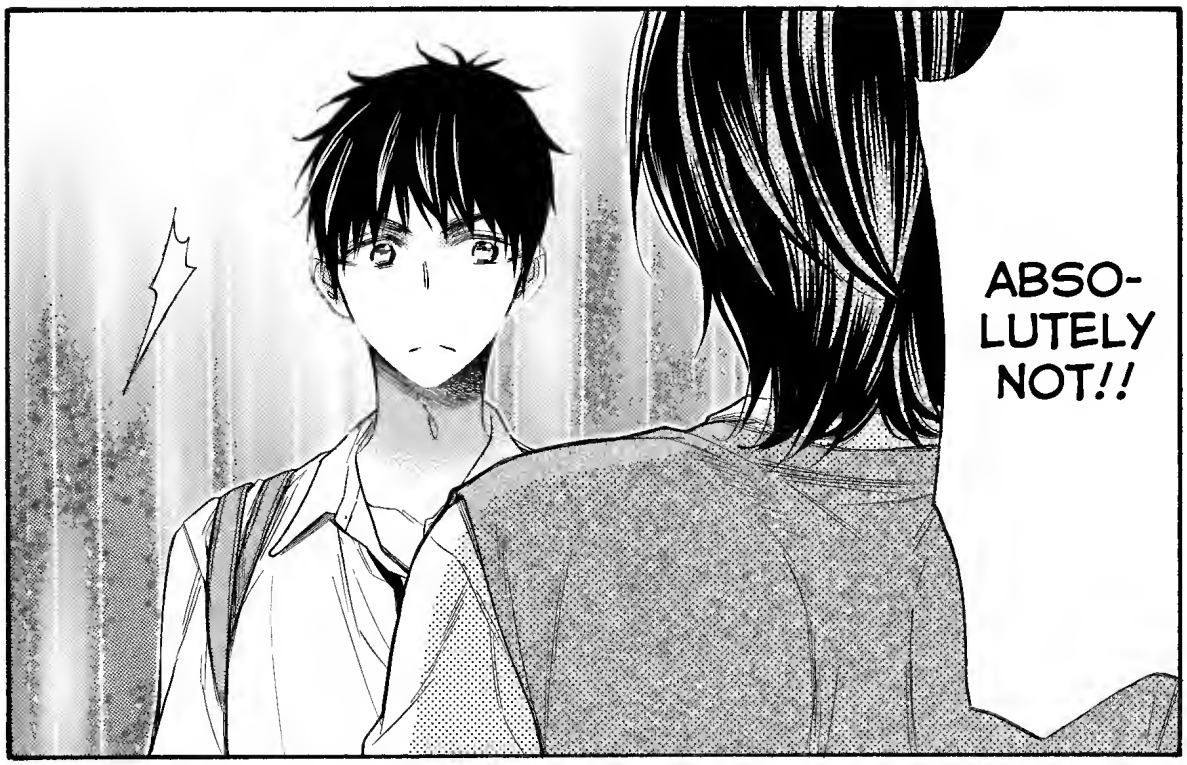
UNLESS SERI-NUMA-SAN DOES SOME-THING HERSELF FIRST, OUR HANDS ARE TIED.
IT'S THEIR PROB-LEM.
YOU'RE QUITE COLD.
Uh?!
ANNOYED
AND YOU'RE QUITE THE BUSY-BODY.
COME AGAIN ?!
HEY, IGARA-SHI, THAT'S GOING TOO FAR!
GO DIE, IGARA-SHI THE REJECTED ONE!!
PISSED
PISSED
NOW IT'S YOU WHO'S GONE TOO FAR, NISHINA.
And that insult applies to all of us who got rejected.
Now, now.
...

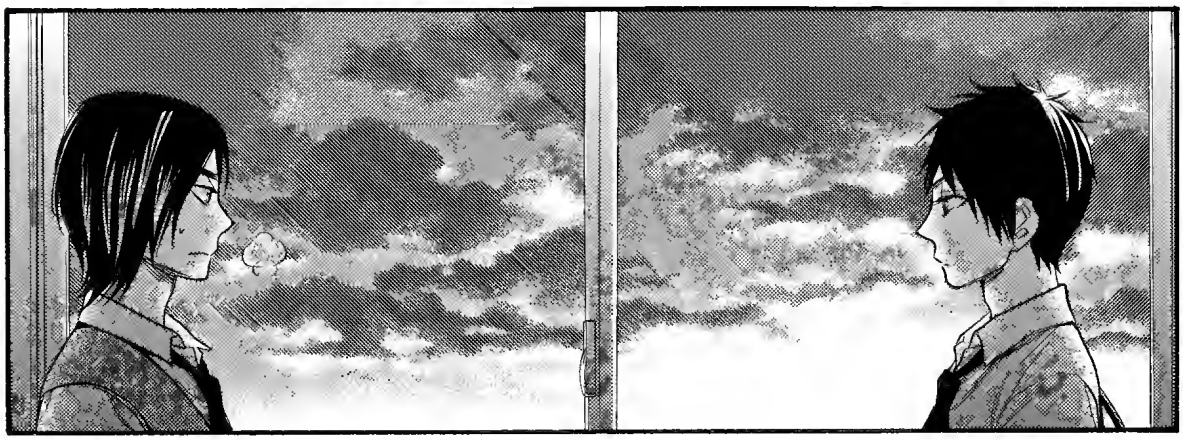
HISTORY CLUB
Come on in!!
パチン
TAK
WE'VE BEEN HANGING OUT EVERY DAY... ARE YOU OKAY WITH THAT?
YEAH, I'M HANGING OUT WITH YOU 'CAUSE I WANT TO.
BESIDES, IT'S A NICE DISTRACTION...
IT KEEPS MY MIND OFF OF THINGS...
...THAT I DON'T WANT TO THINK ABOUT.
I SEE...
WELL... I'M HAPPY.
...

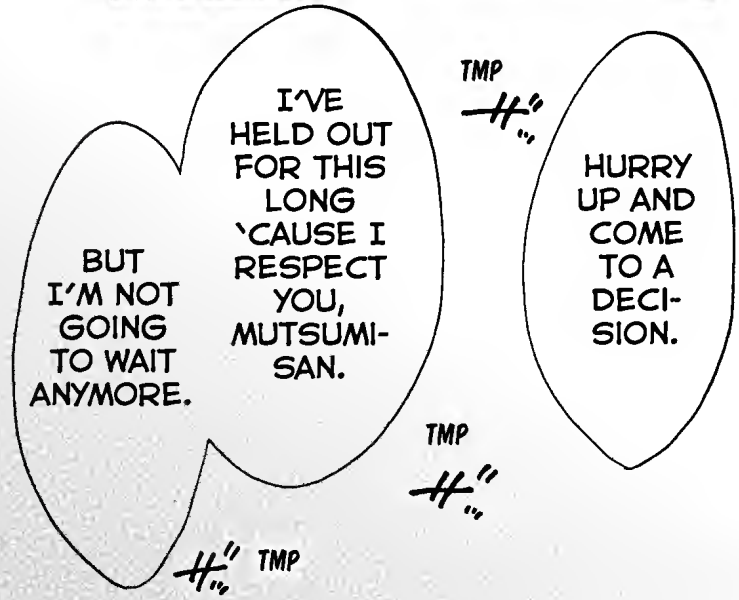
KNOCK KNOCK
MU-TSUMI ...
UH...
GRIP
COME IN.
?
RATTLE
EXCUSE ME.
STEP
YOU HAVE A MOMENT ?
IGA-RASHI-KUN...
!

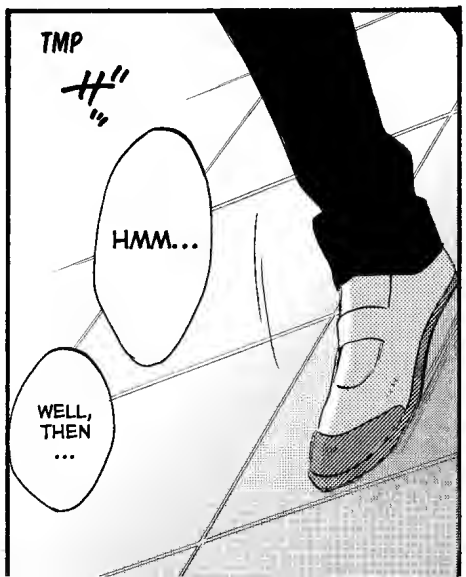
WHAT'S UP?
バーン
SHUT
HUH?
YOU'RE DONE WITH HER, RIGHT?
!!
SERI-NUMA-SAN...
YOU'RE DONE WITH HER, RIGHT?

YOU AND SERINUMA-SAN ARE THROUGH, RIGHT?
IT'S A PAIN IF WE GET INTO A FIGHT AFTER, SO I WANTED TO MAKE SURE TO SORT THINGS OUT FIRST.
...
WELL ...
BADUMP
I...
...CAN HAVE HER, RIGHT?
...
BOOM
BADUMP

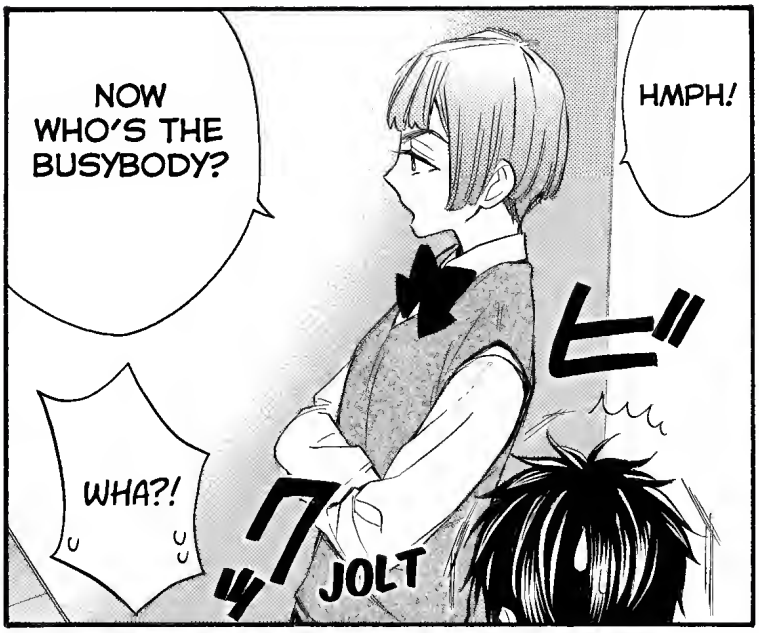

ABSO-
LUTELY
NOT!!




I'VE HELD OUT FOR THIS LONG 'CAUSE I RESPECT YOU, MUTSUMI-SAN.
BUT I'M NOT GOING TO WAIT ANYMORE.
TMP
TMP
TMP
HURRY UP AND COME TO A DECI-SION.


TMP
HMM...
WELL, THEN ...

I'M TELLING YOU TO GET YOUR ACT TOGETHER !!


NOW WHO'S THE BUSYBODY?
HMPH!
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WHA?!
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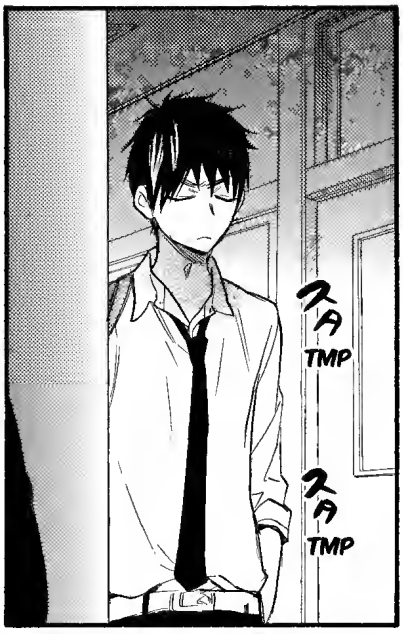
JOLT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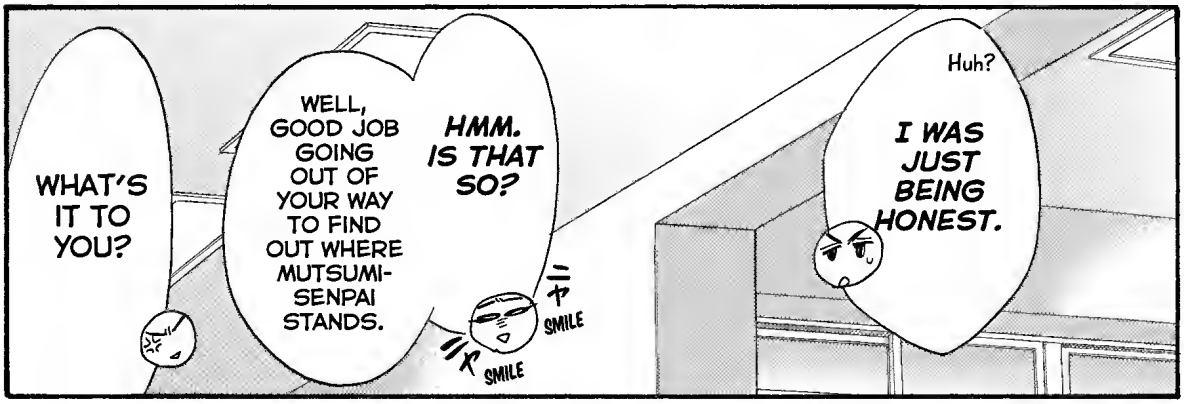
WHAT'S IT TO YOU?
WELL, GOOD JOB GOING OUT OF YOUR WAY TO FIND OUT WHERE MUTSUMI-SENPAI STANDS.
HMM. IS THAT SO?
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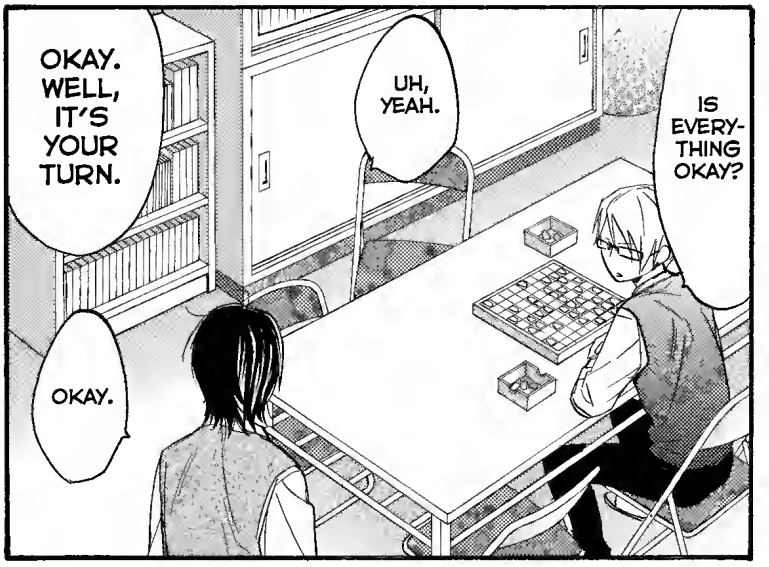
SMILE
ニヤ
SMILE
Huh?
I WAS JUST BEING HONEST.

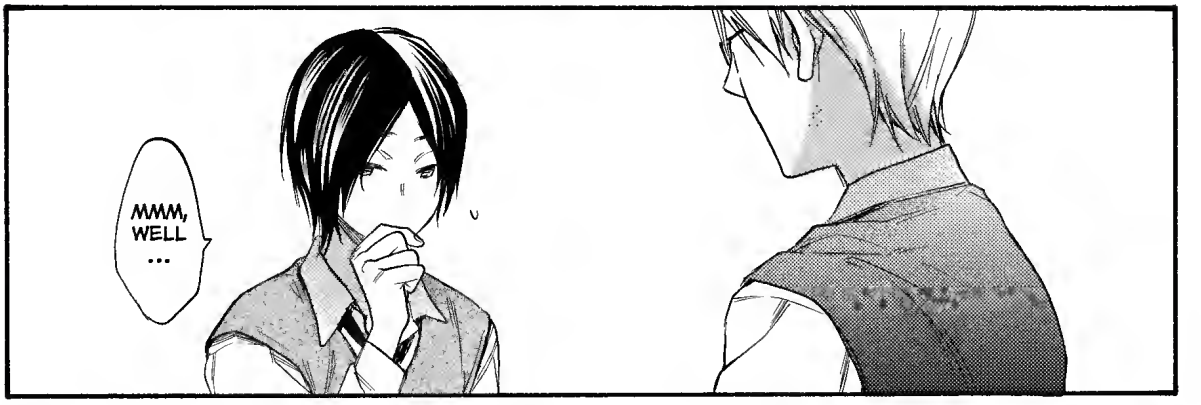
NEVER MIND.
BUT ...
Well, then!
I'M A BUSY-BODY, Y'KNOW?

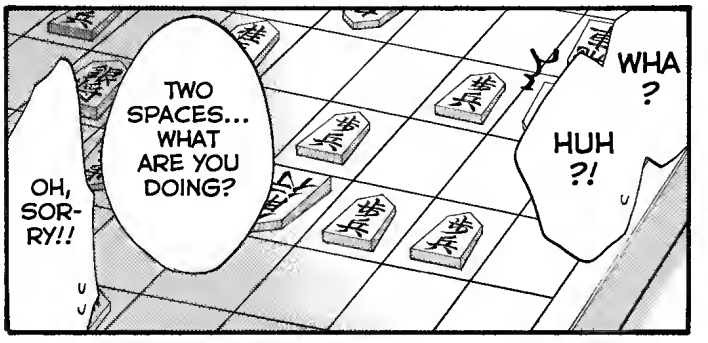
Don't follow me.
I SEE.

INDEED.
Huh? But the shoe rack is this way.

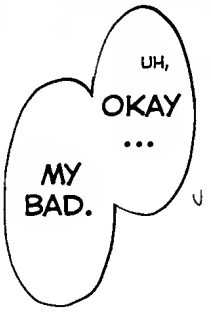

OKAY. WELL, IT'S YOUR TURN.
UH, YEAH.
IS EVERY-THING OKAY?
OKAY.

THUD


MMM, WELL ...


OH, SOR-RY!!
TWO SPACES... WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
WHA ?
HUH ?!

TAK
HEY!
?!


UH, OKAY ...
MY BAD.

YOU CAN REDO THE MOVE.

HEY, MU-TSU-MI...
I HAVE A SUG-GEST-ION...
HM?
THERE'S A COM-PETITION NEARBY THIS WEEKEND.
DO YOU WANT TO GO CHECK IT OUT?
HUH ...?
IT'LL BE A SMALL TRIP...
FOR A CHANGE OF PACE...
WHAT DO YOU THINK?
...

The next Sunday ...
KAE !!
COME OUT THIS INSTANT!
BANG
BANG
YOU'VE BEEN SKIPPING SCHOOL FOR NO REASON AND TODAY YOU'VE BEEN IN BED THE ENTIRE DAY!!
IT'S NOT FOR NO REASON! I HAVE A COLD!!
You little!
NO SICK PERSON DOWNS TWO RICE BOWLS!!
HUH ?
DING DONG
WHAT THE HECK AM I DOING?
EVEN THOUGH THAT WON'T SOLVE ANYTHING ...!!
SQUEEZE...
HOLING MYSELF UP LIKE THIS, AND RUNNING AWAY...
...
COM-ING!

...MIGHT GROW DISTANT FROM ME...!!
BUT ...
IT'S SCARY TO THINK THAT MUTSUMI-SENPAI...
ALL RIGHT! GET UP!!
!!
BOOM
?!
JOLT
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SORRY THAT I COULDN'T BE AROUND, BUT I'M BACK FROM THE FLU!!
AH-CHAN !!
Huh? Are you u okay?!
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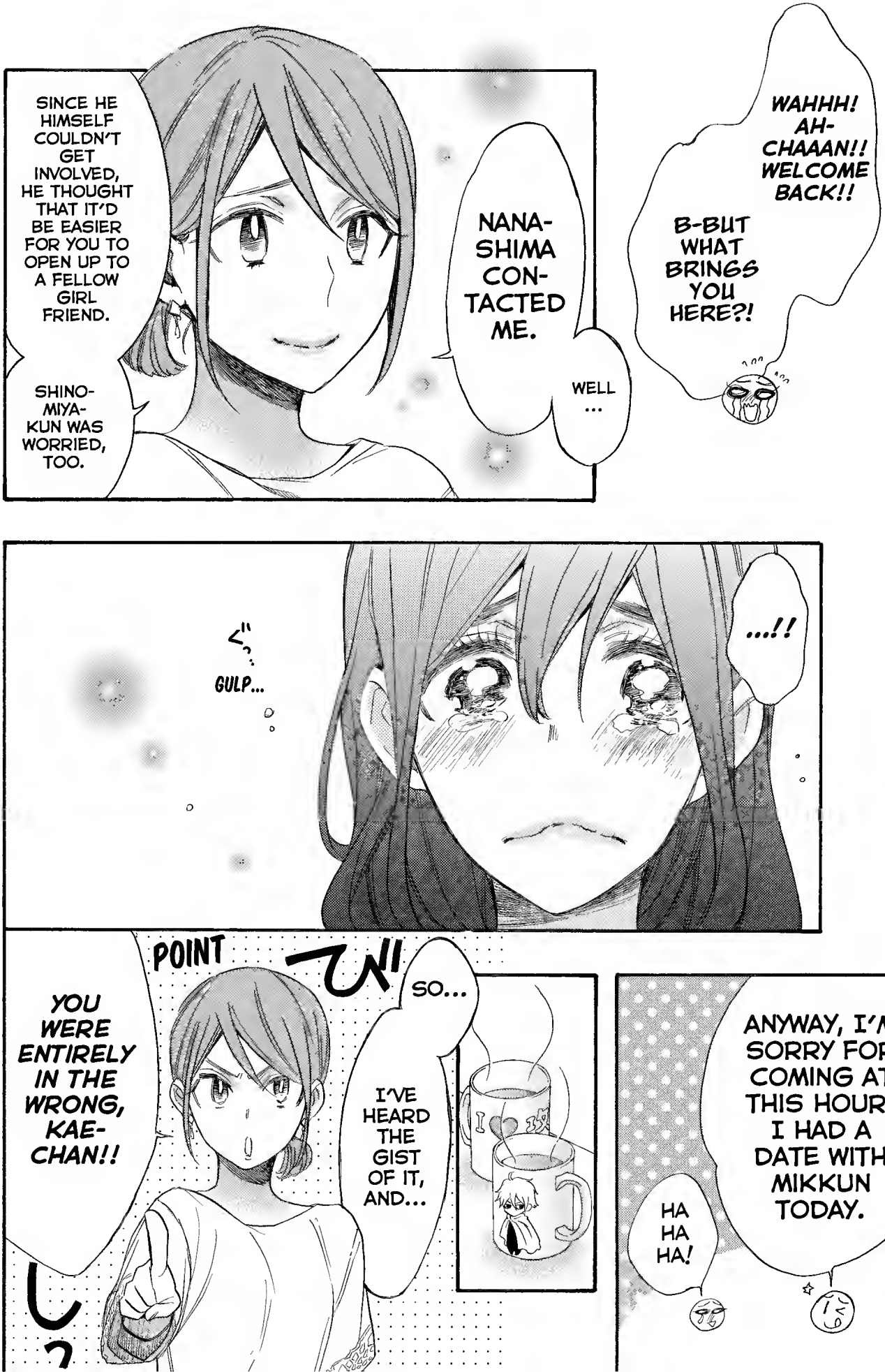
BWAH!


WAHHH! AH-CHAAAN!! WELCOME BACK!!
B-BUT WHAT BRINGS YOU HERE?!
NANA-SHIMA CON-TACTED ME.
WELL ...
SINCE HE HIMSELF COULDN'T GET INVOLVED, HE THOUGHT THAT IT'D BE EASIER FOR YOU TO OPEN UP TO A FELLOW GIRL FRIEND.
SHINO-MIYA-KUN WAS WORRIED, TOO.
...!!
GULP...
ANYWAY, I'M SORRY FOR COMING AT THIS HOUR. I HAD A DATE WITH MIKKUN TODAY.
HA HA HA!
SO...
I'VE HEARD THE GIST OF IT, AND...
POINT
YOU WERE ENTIRELY IN THE WRONG, KAE-CHAN!!

YEAH...
SIGH
GLOOM
WELL, I GUESS YOU ALREADY KNOW THAT...
BUT...
WHO DO YOU LIKE MORE, ME OR SHION?
GULP
Heh heh...
...TO MAKE MUTSUMI TO ASK YOU THAT... YOU'RE REALLY SOME-THING ELSE, HUH?
I FEEL AWFUL ABOUT IT...
I...
...LOVE BOTH MUTSUMI-SENPAI AND SHION... THEY'RE BOTH SO IMPORTANT TO ME.
SO WHEN HE ASKED ME WHO I VALUED MORE...
...I FELT RIGHT AWAY...
...THAT THE QUESTION ITSELF WASN'T RIGHT.
BUT...
I HAD NO IDEA WHY I FELT THAT WAY... OR WHAT WAS WRONG WITH THE QUESTION ...
I DIDN'T KNOW ...
...WHAT TO TELL HIM...
I...

YOU KNOW, KAE-CHAN...
DO YOU WANT TO BE EMBRACED BY SHION?
とII
BOOM
んっ
HUH?
HUHHH?!
ブチィ!!!
SNAP
MMM!
DO YOU WANT TO HUG AND MAKE OUT WITH SHION, AND LIVE HAPPILY EVER AFTER WITH HIM?
WHAT I MEAN IS...

ROAR
TERRA IS THE ONLY ONE IN THIS WORLD WHO CAN HUG, MAKE OUT, AND LIVE HAPPILY EVER AFTER WITH HIM!

SHION MUST HAVE TERRA NEXT TO HIM! TERRA IS THE ONLY ONE WORTHY OF BEING BY SHION'S SIDE! THIS IS THE WAY OF THE UNIVERSE!!
NO ONE ELSE IS ACCEP-TABLE!!
NEVER !!
OTHER PAIRINGS NEED TO DIE!!

POINT
ビシッ
THAT'S IT!!

RIGHT?
HUH ?
...
YOU SAID IT YOUR-SELF JUST NOW,
?!
JOLT
ビクッ
THAT'S YOUR ANS-WER!!

OH...!!
O...
OKAY !!
I KNOW, I KNOW! HURRY UP AND TELL HIM!!
OH!
I... AH- CHAN!
It's...
IT'S SERI- NUMA !!
CLICK
HELLO ?
OH!! S- SEN- PAI!!
BRRRING
BRRRING
BRRRING
Asuma Mutsumi

I WANTED TO TELL YOU THAT I FINALLY ...
MU-TSUMI IS BUSY RIGHT NOW.
BEEP
HUH ...?
WH... WHO'S TH—
ZZZ... すー...
ZZZ... すー...
MUTSUMI.
YOU CAN USE THE SHOWER NOW.
ZZZ... すー...

RUSTLE
CREAK
MUTSUMI.
TO BE CONTINUED IN the NOVEMBER issue